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Careful review and examination of the subject application are noted and appreciated.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

The rejection of claims 1-10 and 14-16 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

The rejection of claims 1-2, 10-12, 14 and 17-20 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Dolwin (UK Patent Application No. 2373888) has been obviated by appropriate amendment/is respectfully traversed and should be withdrawn.

The allowable matter of claim 3 has been incorporated into claim 1. Matter similar to the allowable matter of claim 9 has been incorporated into newly presented claim 21. The allowable matter of claim 13 has been incorporated into claim 12. Matter similar to the allowable matter of claim 13 has been incorporated into claim 20.

While claim 21 does not include every limitation of the original claim 9, claim 21 is still believed to be allowable. In particular, Dolwin does not disclose or suggest a comparator, as presently claimed. Therefore, claim 21 is believed to be independently patentable over Dolwin.

As such, the presently claimed invention is fully patentable over the cited references and the rejection should be withdrawn.

Accordingly, the present application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicants' representative should it be deemed beneficial to further advance prosecution of the application.

If any additional fees are due, please charge our office Account No. 50-0541.

Respectfully submitted,
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